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		49—तमलू (अ०ज०जा०)
		52—लौखिम चारे (अ०ज०जा०)
		54—त्युनसांग सदर–II (अ०ज०जा०)
		55—तोबू (अ०ज०जा०)
		59—सियूचोंग सितिमी (अ०ज०जा०)
12. उड़ीसा		5—बांग्रीपोसी (अ०ज०जा०)
13. तमिलनाडु	22—पलानी	
14. त्रिपुरा		6—अगरतल्ला
15. उत्तर प्रदेश	80—मेरठ	63—तिलहर
		393—कियमोर
		394—हस्तिनापुर (अ०ज०जा०)
		396—मेरठ छावनी
		397—मेरठ
		398—करखोदा
		383—अगोटा
16. पश्चिमी बंगाल		229—नया ग्राम (अ०ज०जा०)
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Setting up of Public Interest Litigation Cell in High Courts

1684. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA:

Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the All India Chief Justice Conference, in their resolution dated September 1, 1991 recommended for the setting up of a Public Interest Litigation Cell in each High Court to enable the poor, oppressed and economically or physically handicapped to seek judicial relief;

(b) if so, what are the names of High Courts which have not so far implemented the recommendations of the resolution and the reasons therefor;

(c) what are the categories of persons or bodies who can submit their petitions for seeking judicial relief; and

(d) whether the Supreme Court have issued any guidelines in this regard and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per the information made available by the Supreme Court of India, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Bombay, Gauhati and Madhya Pradesh High Courts have set up a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) Cell. The Kerala High Court have stated that even though no separate PIL Cell h

been constituted, such petitions received in the High Court are promptly dealt with. The information in respect of remaining High Courts is still awaited.

(c) and (d) As per the information received from the Supreme Court of India, the All India Chief Justices' Conference referred to in the Question also resolved that the guidelines dated 1-12-1988 followed by the Supreme Court for entertaining letters/ petitions received as public interest litigation modifications having regard to local conditions. There guidelines enumerate a wide variety of categories of matters/ persons in respect of which/whom letters/petitions will ordinarily be entertained such as bonded labour, neglected children, nonpayment of minimum wages, petitions from jails complaining harassment, complaints of death in police custody, petitions against atrocities on women, etc. as well as matters of public importance but excluding individual/ personal matters.

Amendment of Companies Act, 1956

1685 DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal under consideration to amend Companies Act, 1956; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and in what manner the changes are likely to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The general approach of the Government in making changes in Company Law is to provide for investor protection, ratiohalisation and streamlining of the provisions of the Act.

Enquiry against malpractices of Colgate Palmolives

1686. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether M.R.T.P.C. has ordered an enquiry into colgate Palmolive's alleged manipulation of production, creation of artificial shortages and tying up of sales of its slow moving product with fast moving ones;

(b) if so, what is the result of the enquiry; and

(c) whether Government are contemplating any action, against this company, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) to (c) The MRTP Commission has issued a notice of enquiry to M/s. Colgate Palmolive India Limited in the matter of their allegedly indulging in restrictive trade practices within the meaning of the MRTP Act. The enquiry is to come up for evidence before the Commission on 11-3-92. The MRTP Commission is a quasi-judicial body and is empowered to take necessary action under the MRTP Act.

Auditing of accounts of political parties

1687. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to